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Filed: May 15, 2001

Examiner: Richard Thomas Price, Jr.

Title: "FREE STALL DIVIDER"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the restriction requirement issued for the above-identified application. No additional claim or extension fees are required. In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this such a request. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication.

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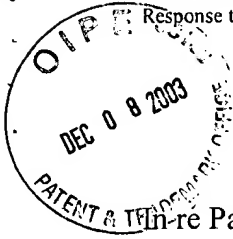
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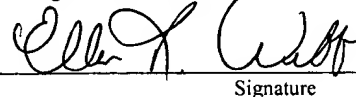
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, and is filed within the one-month shortened statutory period set for response to the Office Action.

REMARKS

In the Restriction requirement dated November 4, 2003, ten species of the claimed invention are identified. Also, the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species III for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 39-63 and 76-87 are readable upon Species III identified by the Examiner. It

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